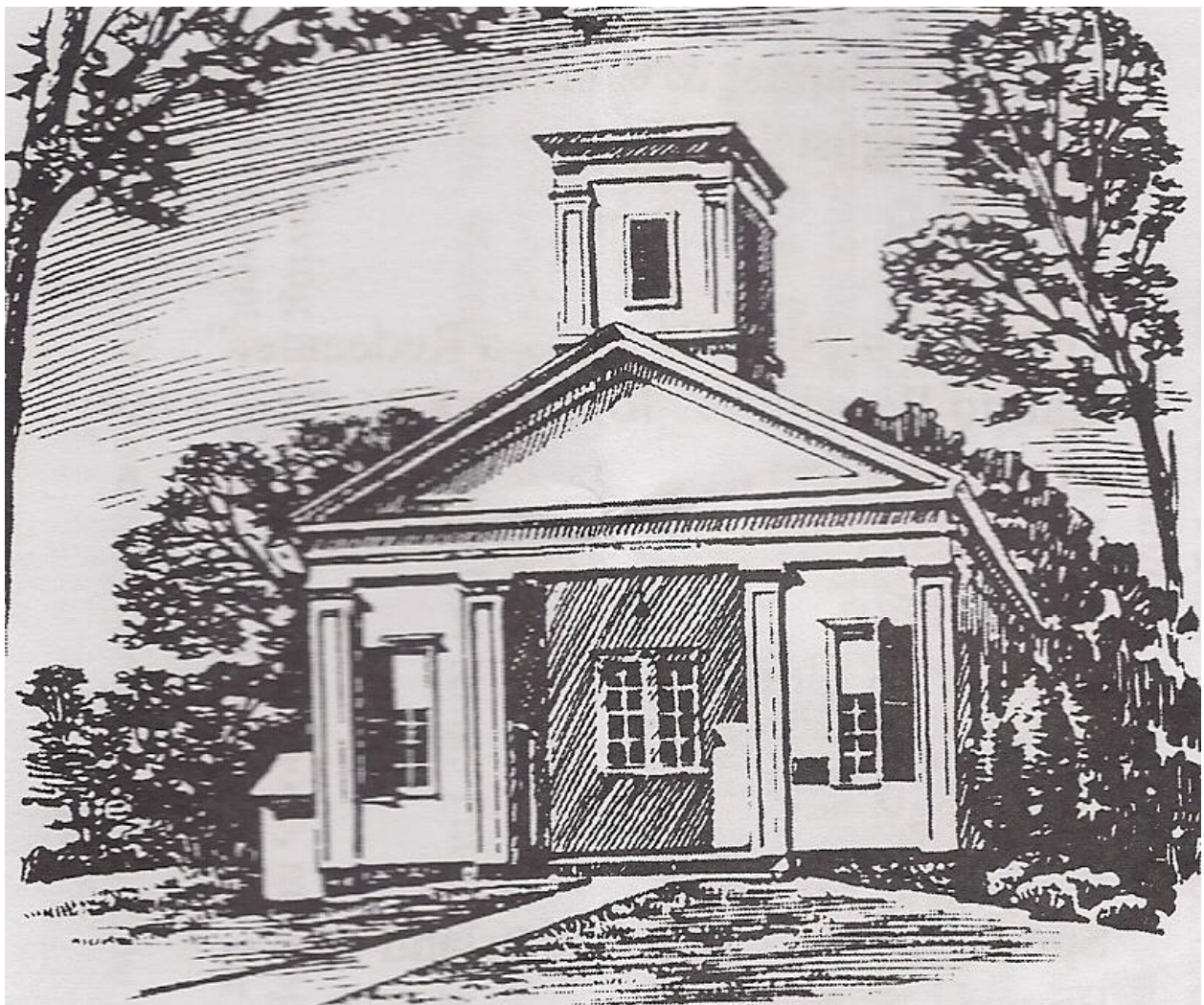


Flanders Baptist  
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# Nominating Committee Report

Pastor	Rev. Alan Scott
Moderator	Lind Bayreuther
Church Clerk	Dorothy Hulme; Asst. Clerk Pat Bayreuther
Treasurer	*Kristine D'Angelo; *Asst. Treasurer Beth Richmond

Board of Trustees	*Matt & Kim Thompson 1/2020-12/2022 (head) Charlie Johnson 1/2019-12/2021 John Hallissey 1/2019-12/2021 Burt Hobby 1/2020-12/2022 Carol Migdalski 1/2020-12/2022
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Deacons	*Guy Jean-Pierre 1/2021-12/2023 *Kedne Jean-Pierre 1/2021-12/2023 *Pam Gore 1/2021-12/2023 Robin Soule 1/2020-12/2022 *Walter Smith 1/2020-12/2023 *John Eberle 1/2021-12/2023 *Allan Johnson 1/2021-12/2023 Carlene Ambulos 1/2020-2022 Charlie Johnson 1/2019-12/2021 Ted Richmond 1/2019-12/2021 (head) Jan Richmond 1/2020-12/2022 Barbara Johnson 1/2019-12/2021 Kirby Hallissey 1/2020-12/2022 Paula Horn 1/2020-12/2022 Walter Signora 1/2020-12/2022 *Carol Ann Cray-Grund 1/2021-23
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Board Finance	John Holtz 1/2020-12/2022 Jeanne Bull 1/2020-12/2022 (head) *Bob Craft 1/2021-12/2023 *Jim Gerber 1/2021-12/2023
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Board of Christian Education	Lois Hobby 1/2019-12/2021, *Dan Wheeler 1/2020-12/2022, Spiro Kavarnos 1/2020-12/2022
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Pastoral Relations	Lois Hobby, Lind Bayreuther
Music Committee	Jim Gerber, Bob Craft
Sunshine Treasurer	Kirby Hallissey
Sunday School Superintendents	Jeannie Bull, Ashley Perkins
Nominating Committee	Lind & Pat Bayreuther, Pam Gore

\* indicates either a new member, or a candidate serving a new term

# Financial Reports

## 2020 Annual Report

### INCOME:

Envelope offering	186,887.14	
Loose offering	2,718.60	
		<hr/>
		189,605.74
Women's Clubs	0.00	
Unused "Flex" Payments	0.00	
Transfer from Investment account	0.00	
Transfer from Memorial donations	0.00	
Rummage Sale Income	509.50	
Jane Scott Mission Fund	978.83	
Mission offering	4,619.92	
Interest/bank charges	35.49	
		<hr/>
		6,143.74
		<hr/>
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>195,749.48</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. Alan B. Scott	58,251.04	
Housing Clergy	6,744.00	
Flex-Med	647.68	
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		65,642.72
FICA Offset	7,556.08	
Mileage	588.80	
Retirement	19,746.65	
Health Insurance	13,772.06	
Capital Improvements	0.00	
Electric - Parsonage	1,997.79	
Heating Oil	2,421.37	
Furnace Service	272.79	
East Lyme Water & Sewer	1,113.50	
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		<b>113,111.76</b>
Choir Director	5,720.00	
Organist	6,066.70	
Choir Pianist	418.00	
Treasurer	5,893.30	
Social Director	3,081.00	
FICA Taxes (7.65%)	1,620.28	
Workmen's Comp.	731.00	
		<hr/>
		23,530.28

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**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Electric - Church	2,506.91	
Heating Oil	2,428.83	
Furnace Service	520.00	
East Lyme Water	149.19	
Office supplies	1,697.02	
Organ Maintenance	0.00	
Operating supplies	2,269.94	
Copier	0.00	
Snow Plowing	0.00	
Guest Organist / Pianist	0.00	
Substitute Choir Director	0.00	
Guest Pastor	0.00	
Capital Improvements/Operating Exp	644.83	
Air Conditioning Service	307.00	
Fire Extinguisher Service/Fire Alarm	567.45	
Tree Removal	0.00	
Directory Printing	0.00	
Insurance	5,142.00	
Music	276.64	
Newsletter	311.36	
Transfer to open PPP Loan account	100.00	
Payroll Processing/ Tax Service	1,383.01	
		<hr/> 18,304.18
Youth Program	500.00	
		<hr/> 500.00
Property Taxes (Church Lane)	0.00	
		<hr/> 0.00
		<hr/> <b>155,446.22</b>
 <b>MISSIONS:</b>		
American Baptist Churches	2,991.27	
ABCCONN - Camp Wightman	1,628.65	
Jane Scott - Care & Share of East Lyme	478.83	
Jane Scott - Giving Garden of East Lyme	500.00	
		<hr/> 5,598.75
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		<hr/> <b>161,044.97</b>

Balance JAN.1, 2020	5,059.33
Total Receipts	195,749.48
	200,808.81
Total Disbursements	161,044.97
Balance DEC. 31, 2020	<b>39,763.84</b>

Submitted by Beth Richmond,  
Treasurer

**Quarterly Report: 4th Qtr 2020**  
**October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>4th QTR</u>
Envelope Offering	10,690.00	17,715.00	27,528.62	55,933.62
Loose Offering	58.00	90.00	238.00	386.00
Community Circle & Church Sale	0.00	147.00	100.00	247.00
Interest/Bank Charges	2.44	2.54	2.49	7.47
Transfer from Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jane Scott Mission Fund	0.00	0.00	978.83	978.83
Mission Offering	435.00	284.00	378.00	1,097.00
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b>11,185.44</b>	<b>18,238.54</b>	<b>29,225.94</b>	<b>58,649.92</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Rev. Alan B. Scott	5,932.84	5,394.16	5,394.16	16,721.16
Housing Allowance	0.00	3,372.00	3,372.00	6,744.00
Flex-Med	0.00	0.00	285.48	285.48
Retirement	1,540.00	1,540.00	1,539.99	4,619.99
Health Insurance	1,132.39	1,132.39	1,315.77	3,580.55
FICA Offset	0.00	0.00	7,556.08	7,556.08
Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electric (Parsonage)	145.00	122.68	31.76	299.44
Heating Oil (Parsonage)	0.00	342.95	0.00	342.95
Water & Sewer (Parsonage)	0.00	669.97	0.00	669.97
Furnace Maintenance (Parsonage)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Choir Director	572.00	572.00	572.00	1,716.00
Organist / Jr. Choir	606.67	606.67	606.67	1,820.01
Pianist (Accompanist)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Director	308.10	308.10	308.10	924.30
Treasurer	589.33	589.33	589.33	1,767.99
FICA Taxes and Payroll Taxes	158.83	158.83	158.83	476.49
Workers Comp. Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Electric (Church)	222.27	214.14	193.06	629.47
Heating Oil (Church)	0.00	0.00	298.87	298.87
Water (Church)	0.00	51.07	0.00	51.07
Office Supplies	226.95	224.97	243.97	695.89
Operating Supplies	535.20	0.00	491.83	1,027.03
Music	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance (Business Owners Policy)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance (General Liability)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll/Tax Filing Service (ADP)	131.25	131.25	131.25	393.75
Furnace Maintenance	0.00	0.00	260.00	260.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	111.37	111.37

**Quarterly Report: 4th Qtr 2020**  
**October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020**

Stone Foundation for Shed	0.00	0.00	213.82	213.82
Youth Group	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Fire Extinguisher Service	183.45	0.00	0.00	183.45
	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>4TH QTR</u>
<b><u>TRUSTEES</u></b>				
Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parsonage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>MISSIONS</u></b>				
American Baptist Churches	0.00	284.00	378.00	662.00
ABCCONN: Youth Ministry/Camp Wightman	435.00	0.00	0.00	435.00
American Red Cross	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jane Scott Mission - East Lyme Giving Garden	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Jane Scott Mission - Care and Share	0.00	0.00	478.83	478.83
<b><u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>	<b>12,719.28</b>	<b>15,714.51</b>	<b>25,531.17</b>	<b>53,964.96</b>

Balance October 1, 2020	<b>35,078.88</b>
Total Receipts	58,649.92
	93,728.80
Total Disbursements	53,964.96
Balance December 31, 2020	<b>39,763.84</b>

<b><u>Designated Fund Balances as of 12/31/20</u></b>	
Parsonage Improvement Fund	1,938.59
Rev. Scott Discretionary Fund	1,615.12
Educational Donation Fund	6,159.00
Kitchen Committee	975.00
Jane Scott Fund/Rev. Scott Discretion	3,833.00
Building Fund in Memory	19,525.82
Memorial Donation Funds	42,387.19
Music Donation Fund	4,727.74
Care and Share	2,160.48
Camp Scholarship Fund/Jane Scott Fund	283.00
Marian Hurlin Scholarship	180.72
Robert Burgess Fund	12,004.56

<b><u>Invested Funds as of 12/31/20</u></b>	
Vanguard (Capital Improvement)	497,869.87
Stock Donations	0.00
Memorial Donation Funds in Vanguard	121,879.30
Total Funds	619,749.17

Submitted by Beth Richmond, Treasurer



**2021 Operating Budget**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Envelope Offering & Checks	149,477.07	153,000.00	163,466.10	165,000.00	186,887.14	171,000.00
Loose Offerings (Cash)	11,639.79	13,000.00	12,266.20	12,000.00	2,718.60	3,000.00
Interest	42.92	26.00	39.08	30.00	35.49	35.00
Women's Clubs	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Missions	5,739.35	6,000.00	6,011.81	6,000.00	4,619.92	5,500.00
Jane Scott Fund	809.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	978.83	1,000.00
Rummage Sale	1,607.25	1,000.00	965.15	1,000.00	509.50	500.00
Miscellaneous**	6,772.95	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance Brought Forward	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,059.33	5,059.33	39,763.84
	176,088.33	178,026.00	183,748.34	190,089.33	200,808.81	220,798.84
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Pastor's Salary	69,000.08	71,100.00	71,100.00	73,944.00	58,898.72	70,173.45
Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,744.00	40,464.00
FICA Offset	7,070.00	7,301.00	7,301.00	7,556.00	7,556.08	8,327.55
Auto Allowance (Mileage)	2,732.10	3,800.00	2,887.82	3,750.00	588.80	2,500.00
Pastor's Retirement	17,291.16	17,850.00	17,851.08	18,480.00	19,746.65	19,034.00
Pastor's Health Insurance	15,987.17	11,600.00	11,238.66	13,800.00	13,772.06	14,690.00
Pastoral Enrichment/Books	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Parsonage Utilities	6,921.55	7,500.00	7,598.47	7,500.00	5,805.45	2,000.00
Organist/Choir Director	13,200.00	13,960.00	13,600.08	14,504.00	11,786.70	14,928.32
Choir Accompanist	3,540.00	4,120.00	3,840.00	4,181.00	418.00	1,820.00
Treasurer	6,600.00	6,800.00	6,800.04	7,072.00	5,893.30	7,284.16
Social Director	3,450.00	3,555.00	3,555.00	3,697.00	3,081.00	3,808.12
Grounds Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Custodial	-	-	-	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Youth Programs	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Workmen's Compensation	708.00	800.00	709.00	800.00	731.00	750.00
FICA Taxes	2,049.61	2,140.00	2,126.37	2,226.00	1,620.28	2,200.00
Guest Pastors	150.00	450.00	150.00	450.00	0.00	450.00
Business Insurance Policy	5,691.00	5,700.00	5,413.00	5,700.00	5,142.00	5,400.00
Operating Expenses	11,910.13	11,000.00	14,622.05	14,000.00	11,191.17	15,000.00
Music	536.64	500.00	460.34	500.00	276.64	500.00
*Amer. Baptist Churches	3,523.00	4,000.00	4,182.81	4,000.00	2,991.27	4,000.00
*Other Missions/Camp						
Wightman	2,216.35	2,000.00	1,829.00	2,000.00	1,628.65	1,500.00
Jane Scott Mission Fund	809.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	978.83	1,000.00
Capital Improvement & Repairs	123.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	501.44	500.00	344.64	500.00	311.36	500.00
Payroll Processing/Tax Service	1,577.36	1,600.00	1,579.65	1,650.00	1,383.01	1,600.00
Account Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	176,088.33	178,026.00	178,689.01	190,060.00	161,044.97	220,679.60

\*Paid from Missions income.

\*\*Transferred from long term investments, memorial donations, unused Flex

## Annual Report

This was the year of the coronavirus. On March 13, I received an email from John Holtz describing the increasing danger in public gatherings because of COVID-19. This looks obvious enough now, but at the time the information the public was receiving was still confused. I consulted with the other officers, and we all decided that church activities should be cancelled at once. Thanks to the technical skills of Mike Mainz, we switched that weekend to an online service that weekend. Ever since then Mike and I have been taping on Saturday mornings and Mike has been sending this service out to all on our church email list on Sundays. This was the only format we had for four months, and we're very grateful to Mike for making this possible. He kept us going.

A month later, at the next quarterly business meeting (we met remotely, again thanks to Mike), we assembled a group to discuss how we might resume meeting at church, with representatives from the congregation who were first responders, those with a background in medicine or pharmacology, and the heads of the deacons and trustees. I am grateful for their advice. On June 28th, while continuing the online service, we began a drive-in service in the church parking lot (the idea was originally Jan Richmond's). Thanks to Matt Thompson, who did the electronic work, I began broadcasting to people in their cars, reaching them through their car radios. Others elected to leave their cars and sit six feet apart ("socially distant" – a new phrase which was much used in 2020) and hear the service live. I passed on Matt's description of the technical details to three other churches which followed our lead in this.

As of the moment I write these words, the pandemic continues. It has been a year of curtailed programming: we have not had Sunday School classes, youth group, choir practice, church sales, covered dish suppers, or served communion since last March. This has been a tough year, but we kept going, and I think the congregation did well.

As always in these reports, I have many to thank: Paul Spakowski and sons for mowing the lawns and shoveling the walks, Steve Ferencz for removing snow from the parking lot, Matt Thompson for his work as head of the trustees – it has been a busy year for the trustees – and Linda Sutherland, who in addition to heading the music program has organized a group which makes shawls for shut-ins, which has been a valuable outreach.

Beth Richmond announced she was stepping down after 15 years as treasurer. We're very grateful to her for her many years of faithful service, and also to Kristine D'Angelo for agreeing to step in as the new treasurer.

On a personal note, after a large store was built on the neighboring property my family and I decided to leave the parsonage and to buy our own home. After we moved out, the church decided it would sell the parsonage, and it is currently on the market. It was built in 1880 to serve as the pastor's home and has been the center of innumerable church activities over the years. Apart from the year 1991-2 when I was at Barnard, members of my family lived there from 1951-2020, and my family owes a special debt to those benefactors who originally built it.

Don and Donna Hobbs died just a few months apart in 2020; very much the same as Terry and Peggy Fraser in 2019. In his last years my father said how much he used to enjoy driving up to see Don and Donna at their home on Laurel Hill. Marlene DeGray died at the very end of the year. A longtime head of the Community Circle, Marlene was good-natured, easy to like, and always a pleasure to see. Marci Clarkson passed away on Easter Sunday. She was my age and we had known each other since Junior High days. One of Marci's special projects was growing flowers around the church sign and tending them. One summer day I noticed weeds had grown up around the sign and I cleared them away – a sad reminder to me of what Marci always used to do.

Floyd Welch died at age 99. Floyd (an uncle to Robert Duffy, Dan Wheeler and myself) was the last Pearl Harbor survivor from the state of Connecticut. Ellen Sawicky died after a brief battle with cancer. Ellen moved here from England as a war bride and so like my Uncle Floyd was part of that generation which Franklin Roosevelt said “had a rendezvous with destiny.” She attended church in Flanders for over 70 years, and until she became frail this past autumn, she never missed a worship service, except on those occasions when she traveled to England to visit her sister. She was the first person to show up on a Sunday, always sitting in the back right-hand corner of the church, stopping due to declining health at about the same time as we stopped services because of the coronavirus. We will miss all of these, our friends.

Submitted by Rev. Alan Scott

## Youth Group

### *Youth Group Treasury Report*

		<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	Opening Balance			\$2,070.35
11/27	Food on Wreath Making day		\$40.00	
12/07	Deposit from Church	\$500.00		
	Totals	\$500.00	\$40.00	
	Closing balance			\$2,530.35

Submitted by Rev. Alan Scott

## Trustees

If it takes a whole village to raise a child, it takes the whole congregation to run a Church.

I want to thank you all for your help keeping our Church running safe and seamlessly. Our many thanks and gratitude go out to all the volunteers, without them we would not be able to run our Church. All the upkeep and maintenance on the Church and Parsonage could not have happened without many hands, most of which is done behind the scenes by these volunteers.

2020 was a busy and productive year in spite of COVID-19. Our church continued to meet and worship as well as provide a meeting house for local groups.

Rev. Scott did a GREAT job adapting to these changing times and requirements. Thank You...

### ***Jun 2020***

#### Purchase and set-up parking lot sermon equipment

The Trustees and the Deacons worked together to put together a portable outdoor sermon setup which includes sound for both in your car as well as lawn seating.

### ***Aug 2020***

#### Trustee and Key personnel meeting about parsonage

The trustees, along with other key personnel met to go over what the future of the parsonage will be. During the meeting it was agreed that we would need several appraisals to seek the best way to move forward, if we decided to sell.

## **Sep 2020**

### Trustees meeting about Giving Garden use of land

The trustees met about the East Lyme Giving Garden using the back lot for creation of a new garden including a washing station with use of the well that is currently on the lot.

## **Oct 2020**

### Signing of agreement for the use of the land

After the quarterly business meeting approval, we signed a letter of agreement with the East Lyme Giving Garden, giving them permission of use of the land.

### Placing the Parsonage for sale

In addition, we also signed an agreement for Pequot Commercial Realtors to list the parsonage for sale after giving the East Lyme Cemetery Association first refusal on that sale (which the Cemetery Association declined).

## **Dec 2020**

### Storage Shed in parking lot

A 16 x 12 ft. storage shed was placed in the back of the Church parking lot. This shed will be used to store the items from the barn that the church uses for the different holidays as well as some of Church sale items. Due to the size limit, most of the sale items must be down sized.

### Signed Agreement to Purchase the Parsonage.

An agreement to sell the parsonage was signed with a closing date on or before March 1st.

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The Trustees are looking forward to serving the church in 2021.

Please feel free to contact us with any of your concerns.

Matt and Kim Thompson, FBCC Head Trustees  
(860) 447-0676, matthew.thompson@snet.net

## **Kitchen Committee and Social Activities**

2020 started off very busy with not only the Annual Report meeting, but one of the largest funeral services we had in a long while with the passing of Bill Keeney. We heard rumblings of a virus happening in China, but we moved into February and had the delivery of sunshine to our members who were unable to be with us in Church. As February came to a close, we not only heard of the novel corona virus, but were experiencing it's hold here in our tri-state area. Church services and activities were immediately suspended, and we all hoped the virus would just run its course.

Sadly, a year has now gone by and we're all still trying to adjust to new ways of conducting Church, and Church services. With the hopes of vaccination across the country, we must continue to stay safe, wear a mask, and wash our hands, so that possibly later in this year we can all be together again and conduct all our Church services and activities in the manner that we used to.

### ***Kitchen Committee and Social Activities Treasury Report***

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Opening Balance			\$7,240.64
Donations/Proceeds	\$132.83		
Expenses		\$259.55	
Totals	\$132.83	\$259.55	
Closing Balance			\$7113.92
Cash Account			\$113.92
Bank CD Account			\$7,000.00
Total			\$7,113.92

Submitted by Davilee Deal, Social Director

## Music



This has certainly been a year of changes, and that includes the Music Ministry. From January to mid-March, the choir continued to rehearse weekly and sing in church. But since March 15th, my role as choir director and organist changed completely! After the first video recorded service, I realized that we needed to be able to add music to the recordings, which began a new adventure for me. Instead of playing the organ “live” during church, I was able to pre-record music with Mike Mainz manning the camera. Then, the challenge was how to add vocal music. Thanks to decades of church service recordings by Dan Wheeler, and the technical help of Bob Craft, we were able to add previous choir and children’s music to the video services, as well as congregational hymns and responses to make the recording seem more like our traditional service. My role became one of a “music agent”, recruiting willing musicians to record at home or in the sanctuary for our services. I am so grateful to all of the people who contributed vocal and/or instrumental selections. Violeta Chan-Scott and En-Hua Holtz have helped enormously, along with En-Ming Holtz, Jennifer Dees, Gary Kuo, Melissa Neill, Bob and Cindy Craft, Holly and Nora Richmond, Kate and Kelly Eberle, Don Cash, and Nate Bayreuther. Thank you to Janet Holtz for help with recording, as well.

In June, Alan began having drive-in services in our church parking lot. The new challenge was how to put music into this venue, so I recorded the accompaniment for the hymns on my phone and played it through the sound system (with thanks to Matt Thompson for his help with this). Several members of the choir wanted to still sing together, and we started singing hymns wearing masks and standing apart from one another. Bob Craft and Dan Wheeler also added a duet at one of the first services. “Where there’s a will, there’s a way!”

The choir celebrated the high school graduations of Lourdes Bumgardner and En-Hua Holtz with a gathering outside on the church lawn in June. Dan Wheeler even played “Pomp and Circumstance” on his banjo for a fun processional. They were given hand-made afghans from the choir as a remembrance from the group, with our thanks for their contributions to the choir.

Due to family responsibilities, Carla Caudle has resigned from her position as accompanist for the choir. We are grateful for her talent and devotion to our music ministry. Thank you, Carla, for your years of service to our church and choir. We will not be filling this position immediately but will need to address this in the near future.

It has been an interesting and challenging year, but our fellowship and commitment to the church remain strong and important to each of us.

The members of the choir are: Sopranos: Dot Brown, Lourdes Bumgardner, En-Hua Holtz, Kerry MacDonald, Melissa Neill, Kate Wells; Altos: Joanne Gerber, Dot Hulme, Linda Lemanski (Jackie Bogue also sings with us when she is in Connecticut) Tenors: Ryan Campbell, Cindy Craft, Alan Scott; Basses: Bob Craft, Jim Gerber, Dan Wheeler. Accompanist: Carla Caudle; Director: Linda Sutherland.

Submitted by Linda Sutherland, Director of Music



Socially Distanced choir at an outdoor service

## Sunday School

### **Superintendents**

- Jeannie Bull
- Ashley Perkins

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was not much to report from the Sunday School in 2020. We ran classes for the first two months until we shut down for safety concerns at the beginning of March. The final week of Sunday School in 2020 occurred on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Unlike most years, we were not able to offer camp scholarships or hold fundraiser sales. However, there were several donations from the congregation as well as two deposits from the proceeds of sales made by Anne Viens. We would like to thank Anne, Jeannie Bull, and all other members of the congregation who donated time or funds this year for their ongoing generosity. We will be meeting to discuss how best to charitably use our current funds until we can restart our program.

The staff remains committed to beginning classes again as soon as possible in 2021.

### **Sunday School Treasury Report**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Opening Balance			\$6,134.97
Offerings	\$128.00		
Sales	\$166.84		
Interest	\$2.69		
Collections for Charity	\$0.00		
Donations from Congregation	\$42.00		
Curriculum/Supplies		\$28.89	
Charitable Donations		\$0.00	
Graduation/Gifts/Bibles		\$0.00	
Camp Scholarships		\$0.00	
Totals	\$339.53	\$28.89	
Closing Balance			\$6,445.61

Submitted by Ted Richmond, II, Sunday School Treasurer

### **Deacons**

Well, as we all know, 2020 was one crazy year. We have not been allowed to meet in our beloved church for the past 10 months or so. Our members have done the best they could in keeping up with various church groups, church maintenance and visitations.

I would like to personally thank our Deacons for braving the weather every week, while handing out programs, directing parking and helping with the set-up and break-down of the temporary shelter Alan uses to preach from. Their efforts are appreciated by Alan and the congregation that tended to give us some sense of normalcy. Starting February 7<sup>th</sup>, the Deacons will be handing out Communion Cups that contain a wafer and a small cup of juice. This will be the first effort at a communion service since the Covid 19 crisis shut us down.

I would also like to thank Joe Selden III for his service to our congregation as a Deacon. Unfortunately, he has decided not to continue, due to personal reasons. Joe has offered to help out, whenever he is needed in the

future. This conforms to the Deacon Motto of “Once a Deacon, Always a Deacon”. I would also like to thank all of the Deacons for their continued service to the congregation. Many of them have agreed to continue, even though many of their 3 years terms were fulfilled.

I am looking forward to 2021 when we can all get vaccinated and hopefully move back inside our church and a return to what we consider to be normal.

God Bless you all,

Submitted by Ted Richmond Sr., Head Deacon

## **Sunshine**

No submission

### ***Sunshine Treasury Report***

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Opening Balance			\$427.77
Collected Easter 2020			
Smith Acres Easter 2020			
Collected Christmas 2020			
Smith Acres Christmas 2020			
Totals			
Closing Balance			



## Care and Share

In 2020, Flanders Baptist and Community Church was VERY generous for the Holidays by sponsoring Care and Share families from the East Lyme, Niantic and Salem area.

Thanks to all the generous donations of food, cash, gifts, time and delivering...

- Unfortunately, for Easter we were unable to deliver baskets.
- For Thanksgiving, we delivered food baskets to 14 families (27 adults and 12 children)
- For Christmas, we delivered food basket and gifts to ALL for 14 families (27 adults and 12 children).

We received many thank you cards, notes, and phone calls from those you delivered to and all our families were very appreciative.

A great Thank You to all those who helped to pack and load the cars!!!

Many, Many thanks our Church family for all their generosity. Many thanks to the Flanders Fire House for their toy drive and donations to the Church. ALL was greatly appreciated.

Submitted by

Kim and Matt Thompson  
Jan and Ted Richmond  
Charlie and Barbara Johnson  
Carol Migdalski  
Care and Share Committee

## Stitches of Faith

The “Stitches of Faith” knitting/crocheting group met from January-March, and then had to stop meeting in person due to the restrictions of COVID19. But that did not keep these busy crafters from contributing items to benefit others. We have given 40 prayer shawls or lap afghans to individuals since the group formed in April 2019, as well as donations of shawls, blankets, and hats to the DaVita Dialysis Center in Norwich and to Care & Share for Christmas gifts. In November, we sent over 30 scarves to Foster Care to Success’ Red Scarf project.

Members of the group include: Cindy Ashton, Liz Beals, Susan Bindloss, Carol Fariior, Marge Ferencz, Pat Fraser, Paula Horn, Linda Lemanski, Sharon Meinz, Florence Rollins, Linda Sutherland, and Margaret Watson. Many thanks to Rev. Alan Scott, who has delivered many of our shawls/blankets.

When it is possible to meet in person, we will welcome new members to join this new fellowship and outreach opportunity. If you know of someone who would benefit from a gift from our caring crafters, please let us know.

Submitted by Linda Sutherland, Liz Beals



**KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

*Some of the members of the group met on Linda’s back porch to work on projects. It was wonderful to have a chance to be together even with masks and social distancing!*



## Church Newsletter



Our church newsletter is a monthly publication that serves to keep our congregation and extended church family connected and aware of the events happening at our church. It includes a schedule of regular weekly services, upcoming events, birthdays/anniversaries, and news from various groups (Sunday School, Social Committee, Trustees, etc.), as well as photos of events the previous month. Our newsletter is emailed to 187 people and 45 through “snail mail”.

Many thanks to Rev. Alan Scott, who contributes a monthly article and serves as primary proofreader, Mike Mainz who handles all of the technology involved in emailing the newsletters and storing them on our church website, and to Janet Holtz and Violeta Chan-Scott, who contribute many of the pictures for each issue. Many others also submit photos, and they are listed on the last page of each issue. All of the support is much appreciated

Submitted by Linda Sutherland, Editor

If you would like to receive the newsletter, please email us at:  
[FlandersBaptist@yahoo.com](mailto:FlandersBaptist@yahoo.com)

## Web & Social Media

### **Web**

Launched October 26, 2014, during 2020, there were 2,384 website visitors with a total of 6,950 sessions and a total of 12,047 page views. A total of 37 emails were received via the web site Contact form. A video services page was added to host playback of Sunday services recorded each Saturday. A business meeting page was added to provide instructions for attending business meetings using WebEx. Twelve monthly newsletters, created by Linda Sutherland, were published to the web site and continue to be available for downloading. Email messages announcing the newsletters were sent to newsletter subscribers. There are 178 newsletter email subscribers; a 6.1% increase from last year. A three-year premium web hosting agreement was executed on August 30, 2020 expiring August 30, 2023. The cost for the three-year subscription was \$468.00. With a credit for the unused portion of the current subscription, the net cost was \$396.44. The Calendar Creator software was upgraded at a cost of \$28.32.

### **Facebook**

Established August 21, 2014, the [\*\*www.facebook.com/FlandersBaptist\*\*](http://www.facebook.com/FlandersBaptist) Facebook page had 133 likes at the beginning of 2020 and 150 likes at the end of 2020.

### **Video**

Commencing with the March 14<sup>th</sup> service, videos were created for 44 Sunday Services, the Maundy Thursday service, a Good Friday message, a Thanksgiving message and a Christmas Day message. Each video was edited and posted to the church website for viewing. Each Sunday morning, email announcements were sent to the newsletter address list. Bob Craft recorded the outdoor services and he created and distributed a DVD recording for those that do not have Internet access. Linda Sutherland planned all and performed most of the music. Other music was performed by Violeta Chan Scott, En-Hua and En-Ming Holtz, Holly and Nora Richmond, Kate and Kelly Eberle, Cindy and Bob Craft, Melissa Neil, Don Cash, Jennifer Dees, Gary Kuo and Nathan Bayreuther. Hymns and choir anthems from Dan Wheeler’s audio recordings were edited by Bob Craft. Photographs were contributed by Janet Holtz, Cindy Craft, Karyn Johnson, Jim Berger, Sarah Smith, Curtiss Johnson, Rebecca Bayreuther, Marilyn Beckwith, Alan Scott and Violeta Chan Scott.

Submitted by Michael Mainz

# Church Records

## First Quarter

### Deaths

January 1	Donna Hobbs
January 17	William Keeney

## Second Quarter

### Deaths

April 12	Marci Clarkson
April 25	Ellen Sawicky
April 30	J. Bruce Scott

## Third Quarter

### Deaths

August 18	Floyd Welch
September 20	Judy Pope

## Fourth Quarter

### Deaths

December 29	Marlene DeGray
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## Deaths

\* indicates a church member

January 1	*Donna Hobbs
January 9	Phyllis Keel
January 14	Liam Campbell
January 17	*William Keeney
February 9	Dorothy Coyle
April 1	*Don Hobbs
April 12	*Marci Clarkson
April 25	*Ellen Sawicky
April 25	Lynn Brackett
April 30	*J. Bruce Scott
May 9	David Tracy
May 11	William McMann
May 17	Origen Daniels
June 12	Gene Daniels (Origen and Gene Daniels are not related)
July 3	Jim Lundborg
July 20	Beverly Wood
August 18	*Floyd Welch
August 29 (date of service)	Jane Ferencz
September 6 (date of service)	Kenneth Roberts
September 20	*Judy Pope
September 28	Jayne Ellis
September 28	Tom Decker
October 8	Bob Whiton
October 19	Maxwell Sanders
October 21	Fred Sobiech
November 1	Lucy Swandy
November 4	Regina Busca
November 12	Regina Gager
November 23	Herman Dolin
December 1	Ruth Adams
December 3	Rita Smith
December 6	Linda Evankow
December 7	Virginia Maynard

Total 34 of whom 9\* were members.

## Weddings

August 8 Nick Northcutt/Rayna Dunham. (at Harkness in Waterford)

## Church Members

Note: Please submit corrections to Rev. Alan Scott.

Allen, Cindy	Cash, Susan	Dubreuil, Marcia	Hallisey, Keryl
Altvater, Fred	Castillo, Heather	Duberg, Donna	Hallisey, Kirby
Ambulos, Carlene	Castillo, Joseph	Duffy, Robert	Hanover, Jessica
Anderson, Lori	Caudle, Carla	Dufresne, Beverly	Hanover, Ryan
Anderson, Wayne	Chan-Scott, Violeta	Dumont, Danielle	Hawkins, Betty Lou
Anger, Edith	Chao, Norma	Dumont, Diane	Hawkins, Dorinda
Anger, Joyce,	Chao, Ronald	Dumont, Tammy	Hawkins, Jacob
Anger, Robert	Chao, Tyrone	Eberle, John	Hawkins, Ned
Annello, Corrinia	Clarkson, Mason	Eberle, Kate	Hawkins, William
Annello, Justin	Clarkson, Scott	Eberle, Kelly	Henderson, Brenda
Arcarese, Michael	Cochrane, Kathy	Evankow, David	Henderson, William
Ashton, Cynthia	Craddock, James	Evankow, Lois	Higgins, Molly
Ashton, Michael	Craddock, Jesse	Evankow, Marc	Higgins, Robert
Ault, Janine	Craddock, Kelly	Evankow, Paul	Hildebrand, Joanna
Ayrton, Esther	Craddock, Shannon	Evankow, Peter	Hinkle, Muriel
Backes, Patricia	Craft, Cynthia	Evankow, Steve	Hobby, Burt
Bargnesi, Abby	Craft, Robert	Farrior, Carol	Hobby, Lois
Bargnesi, Ben	Cray-Grund, Carol Ann	Fee, Paula	Hodge, Joanne
Bargnesi, Taylor	Cummins, Hanson	Ferencz, Marjorie	Hollis, Barbara
Bartlett, Jeff	Cummins, Tanya	Filosi, Daniel	Holtz, John
Bayreuther, Lind	Currier, Ed	Fraser, Candace	Holtz, Janet
Bayreuther, Nathan	Currier, Diane	Fraser, Pat	Horn, Paula
Bayreuther, Pat	Currier, Donna	Fraser, Scott	Hulme, Dorothy
Beckwith, Marilyn	Currier, John	Fraser, Wayne	Jackson, Joanne
Beebe, Marjorie	Currier, Marjorie	French, Andrew Jr.	Jackson, William
Binaco, Kim	Currier, Raymond	French, Andrew Sr.	Jean-Pierre, Guy
Bodenhofer, Kristen	Currier, Robert	French, Liz	Jean-Pierre, Kayle
Bogue, Tammy	Currier, Steven	Freudenthal, Lynn	Jean-Pierre Kedne
Bond, Jacob	Currier, Susan	Gallo, Marissa	Jean-Pierre, Schneider
Brackett, John	Currier, Todd	Gallo, Ryan	Jeziarski, Michael
Brackett, Bernadette	Cushman, Robert	Garbati, Lilian	Jeziarski, Paul
Brown, Darthea	Cushman, Virginia	Garbati, William	Johnson, Allan
Bryant, Cort	D'Angelo, Kristine	Gallo, Marissa	Johnson, Barbara
Bull, Elizabeth	Daniels, Hank	Gayda, Kyle	Johnson, Charles
Bull, Jeannie	Deal, Davilee	Gayda, Margaret	Johnson, Doreen
Bull, Lewis	Deal, Gary	Gerber, James	Johnson, Janice
Bull, Matthew	Dennison, Heidi	Gerber, Joanne	Johnson, Sandra
Bumgardner, Eliz.	Dennison, Warren	Glover, Rita	Johnson, Timothy
Bumgardner, Lourdes	Donahue, Dana	Gore, Pam	Jones, Amy
Bunnell, MariAlice	Donahue, Ryan	Goss, Mary	Jones, Ashley
Burridge, Brian	Donohue, Rebecca	Goss, Rene	Jones, Courtney
Campbell, Ryan	Driscoll, Daniel	Gotay Matthew, Barbara	Jones, Craig
Carlson, Glen	Driscoll, Kathleen	Griffin, Janet	Jones, Deborah
Carlson, Linda	Driscoll, Matthew	Gucwa, AnnMarie	Kaika, Lindsey
Cash, Don	Driscoll, Timothy	Hallisey, John	Kaika, Susan

Kalal, Nancy  
Kalal, Thomas  
Kavarnos, Julie  
Kavarnos, Spiro  
Keeney, Beatrice  
Kerr, Valerie  
Kerr, William  
Kopchik, John  
Korineck, Elizabeth  
Kump, Karen  
Larson, Carol  
Larson, Robin  
Larson, Scott  
Lemanski, Linda  
Lenz, Timothy  
Levandoski, Charles  
Levandoski, Deborah  
Levandoski, James  
Levandoski, Robert  
Levandoski, Roberta  
Lewellen, Pixie  
Leyland, Kevin  
Lindie, Ed  
Lindie, Mary Ellen  
Lindstrom, Jeffrey  
Lindstrom, Myrna  
Littlefield, Albert  
Littlefield, Gary  
Littlefield, Georgia  
Littlefield, Kevin  
Littlefield, James  
Littlefield, Lisa  
Littlefield, Rosemary  
Loscoe, Lanie  
MacDonald, Kerrie  
Manno, Michelle  
Marelli, Carol

Martins, Linda Lee  
Mathison, Diane  
Mattison, Frances  
Maynard, Kimberly  
Maynard, Lee, Sr.  
McCrabb, Matson  
McCrabb, Tucker  
McKeever, Kathleen  
Migdalski, Carol  
Migdalski, Thomas  
Mortimer, Ann  
Muscarella, Mary Jo  
Muscarella, Olivia  
Nazarko, Betty  
Neilan, Linda  
Neill, Melissa  
Nichols, Curt  
Nolan, Chelsea  
Nowakowski, Justine  
Nygren, Jane  
Nygren, Steven  
Olson, Rose  
Patterson, Elizabeth  
Perkins, Ashley  
Perkins, Cory  
Petchark, Charles  
Petchark, Loretta  
Peterson, Lawrence  
Peterson, Sandy  
Pope, Judy  
Price, Pamela  
Provencher, Richard  
Provost, Josie  
Quiles, Lourdes  
Rand, Doris  
Richmond, Elizabeth  
Richmond, Holly

Richmond, Janice  
Richmond, Kristina  
Richmond, Ted Jr.  
Richmond, Ted Sr.  
Riozzi, Edgar  
Ruth, Eileen  
Salafia, Laura  
Salafia, Michael  
Sartori, Judy  
Savage, James  
Savage, Marian  
Savage, Robert  
Scott, Rev. Alan  
Scott, Arolyn  
Scott, Peter  
Selden, Joseph III  
Selden, Joseph II  
Shasha, Barbara  
Shea, Jill  
Sherburne, John  
Sherburne, Skip  
Sherburne, Toni  
Signora, Kyle  
Signora, Paula  
Signora, Walter  
Shields, Krista  
Smith, Autumn  
Smith, Bonnie  
Smith, Diana  
Smith, Elisa  
Smith, Roger  
Smith, Sarah  
Smith, Susan  
Smith, Walter  
Sobiech, David  
Soule, Robin  
Souza, Amber

Spakowski, Lorraine  
Spakowski, Paul  
Spring, Dan  
Spring, Ellen  
Stazick, June  
Strouse, Judith  
Strouse, Robert H.  
Strouse, Robert K.  
Sullivan, Jane  
Sutherland, Linda  
Thompson, Justin  
Thompson, Kim  
Thompson, Matt  
Trowbridge, Robin  
Viens, Anne  
Wallace, Louise  
Watson, David  
Watson, Margaret  
Welch, Craig  
Welch, Marjorie  
Welch, Marlene  
Wheeler, Daniel  
Wheeler, Irene  
Whitlock, Fred  
Whitlock, McKenzie  
Wilson, Frank  
Wilson, Florence  
Wood, Edwin  
Wood, Nancy  
Wright, Michael  
Wyatt, Karyn  
Yuhas, Alan  
Yuhas, Joel

Total: 323 members